

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HEALTH SERVICES COUNCIL**

**DATE:** 9 September 2008

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** Health Policy Forum  
Department of Health

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Council:** **Present:** Victoria Almeida, Esq., (Vice Chair), Raymond C. Coia, Esq., John W. Flynn, Gary J. Gaube, Wallace Gernt, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, R.N., Ph.D., Robert Hamel, RN, Amy Lapierre, Thomas M. Madden, Esq., Denise Panichas, Robert J. Quigley, D.C (Chair), Larry Ross, Reverend David Shire (Secretary)

**Not Present:** Edward F. Almon, Joseph V. Centofanti, M.D, Maria R. Gil, Ellen Nelson, PhD, Robert Ricci, Robert Whiteside

**Staff:** Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Robert Marshall, Joseph G. Miller, Esq., Stacey Pabst (intern)

**Public:** (Attached)

**1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Time Extension for the Minutes Availability**

The meeting was called to order at 2:40 PM. Minutes of the Health Services Council meeting of 19 August 2008 were approved as submitted. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of thirteen in favor and none opposed (13-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Almeida, Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire.

**2. General Order of Business**

The first item on the agenda was the *Report of the Committee of the Health Services Council on the application of St. Joseph Health Services of Rhode Island for certificate of need for campus modernization and consolidation of inpatient psychiatric and inpatient rehabilitation services from St. Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care to Fatima Hospital and Roger Williams Hospital*. Staff summarized the application and the Committee's deliberations on this matter. Staff noted a correction on page 15 [section F] to the findings regarding operating efficiencies. Staff noted the UNAP letter provided to the Council members.

Ms. Lapierre asked regarding the ITU unit and the elements raised in the MHRH letter. Mr. Coia requested that the applicant address the UNAP letter. Mr. Fogarty provided a separate response to each of the 4 items raised in the UNAP letter. Mr. Gernt questioned the applicant regarding a potential Rhode Island Hospital CON for rehab beds and its impact on St. Joseph.

Mr. Brooks, President of UNAP, addressed the Council. He stated that UNAP is not opposed to the proposal and noted his issues.

Ms. Almeida noted for the record that she is recusing herself.

Mr. Hamel made a motion to approve the application, stating that the applicant has addressed every concern and are fiscally able to complete the project. The motion was seconded, and passed by a vote of twelve in favor, none opposed and one recusal (12-0-1) to approve the application subject to the conditions of approval. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Flynn, Gaube, Gernt, Graziano, Hamel, Lapierre, Madden, Panichas, Quigley, Ross, Shire. Almeida recused.

### **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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